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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

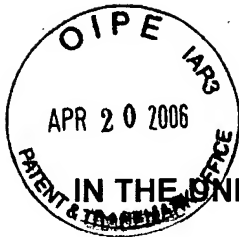
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter, one (1) page; and
- 2) Response to Restriction Requirement, seven (7) pages.

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***RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT***

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 20, 2006 requiring Restriction between claims 1-8 of group I and claim 9 of Group II and requiring election of a single species, Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-8 of Group I drawn to a gene panel and a method of producing a gene panel and Applicants provisionally elect, from Specie A, Gene Number 1, listed in Table 1, on page 27 of the specification. Both the election of claim 1-8 of Group I and the election Gene Number 1 of the Specie A, are made with traverse.